

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 434
By Rowland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cynthia A. Jones, on
being selected to the National Teacher's Hall of
Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Jones is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself
as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has recently been selected to the National Teacher's Hall of
Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; she is one of only five teachers in the nation to
receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's degree from Georgia State University and a
Master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has served with acumen and alacrity as a first through fourth
grade teacher for a number of exemplary years with the Murfreesboro City Schools; she
currently teaches at Cason Lane Academy; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she taught the SCORE gifted program at Suder Elementary School in Jonesboro, Georgia; the MTSU's Summer Challenge program; the Merit Program in Murfreesboro City Schools; and at the Webb School, where she created the summer gifted program; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her most impressive work in the classroom, Ms. Jones is a member of various professional associations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Murfreesboro Education Association, the Mary Tom Berry Reading Association, the American Psychological Association, Cognition, and Phi Kappa Phi; and

WHEREAS, she has conducted workshops across the State and has addressed numerous civic and educational organizations, as well as university classes; she is a specialist in the Paideia philosophy, classroom management and organization, Skinnerian Psychology, and individualism of instruction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has presented her research on early reading acquisition to symposia in Durham, England, and Washington, D.C., and she has co-authored three professional publications with Dr. James M. Hodgson regarding developmental cognitive neurolinguistics; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she has been selected as the Rutherford County Outstanding Educator, the Rotary Club Educator, and has received, the Rutherford 2000 Committee/Jaycees' Young Educator Award, the Dyslexia Studies for Contributions to the Field Award, and the J. Champaign Award for Outstanding Developmental Studies Teaching; Ms. Jones has also been an honored participant in the White House Conference on Education and was selected to be a Fulbright Scholar in Japan; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Jones truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cynthia A. Jones on being selected to the National Teacher's Hall of Fame, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.